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Subject **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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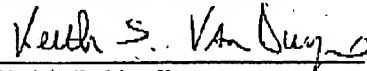
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated January 11, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant notes that the restriction requirement was based on the original claims filed on December 23, 2004 as shown in the Office Action dated January 11, 2007, and not on the amended claims filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on October 13, 2005 as discussed with the undersigned by phone on February 9, 2007. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request that the Office Action be reissued based on the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 13, 2005, along with restarting of the clock for responding.

Respectfully submitted,



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